



## **RESOLUTION OF THE ALASKA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

in support of preserving the opportunity for student athletes  
while balancing competitive fairness, inclusion, and safety for all who compete

### **Resolution 02-2023**

**WHEREAS**, participation in interscholastic athletics is a valuable part of the education experience for all students; and

**WHEREAS**, policies governing sports should be based on sound medical knowledge and scientific validity; and

**WHEREAS**, policies governing sports should be objective, workable, and practicable and should be written, available, and equally enforced; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alaska education regulations govern interscholastic activities through 4 AAC 06.115, authorizing the Alaska School Activities Association (ASAA) to administer and promote interscholastic activities effectively, economically, and fairly; and

**WHEREAS**, the separation of boys and girls in sports is related to competitive fairness and promotion of broad and equal participation; and

**WHEREAS**, equal opportunity is determined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services which considers whether the selection of sport and levels of competition effectively accommodates interests and abilities of both sexes; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASAA historically has governed, promoted, and adjusted competition classes on the basis of safety and fairness in competition; and

**WHEREAS**, at puberty biological male athletes generally gain physiological advantages such as larger skeletal structure, greater muscle mass and strength, less body fat, greater bone density, larger hearts and greater oxygen-carrying capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, medically prescribed hormone treatment for the purpose of gender transition is not a best practice recommendation for children under the age of 16; and

**WHEREAS**, transgender student athletes should have opportunity to participate in sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the integrity of middle and high school girls' sports should be preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the values of competitive fairness, inclusion, and safety are not congruent and at times in conflict;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development supports the passage of regulations proposed by the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development and reviewed by the people of Alaska to prioritize competitive fairness and safety on the playing field while allowing all students to participate in activities. To ensure the ongoing support of students in athletic competitions Alaska Education Regulations should:


1. Provide a girls' division with participation based on a student's sex at birth, and
2. Provide a division for students who identify with either sex or gender; and
3. Provide a process for appeal for all students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development supports the Alaska School Activities Association with addressing the above athletic competition divisions in its Bylaws for FY24; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to all Alaska school districts, to all members of the ASAA Board of Directors, and to the House and Senate Legislators representing the families in our State.

**ADOPTED** by the Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development, at the regular open public meeting thereof, held this 16 day of March, 2023.

ATTEST: Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development:

  
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James Fields, Chair